

## RESID. SPOILS

Message Vetoing Census Bill  
Sent to the House.

### "WOULD BE FRAUD ON PUBLIC"

Noncompetitive Examinations Must  
Addition to Expense and Time In-  
volved in Enumeration, Declares  
Mr. Roosevelt—Quotes Census Offi-  
cial in Support of His Contentions  
Has No Sympathy With Doctrine  
That "the Victor Belong to the  
Spoils."

Washington, Feb. 5.—President Roosevelt sent today to the house of representatives a special message vetoing the bill which provides for the taking of the next census. He bases his objection to the bill on the provision that appointments to the census force shall be made by noncompetitive examination.

The president says:

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith return without approval house resolution 16,954, entitled "An act to provide for the thirteenth and subsequent decennial censuses." I do this with extreme reluctance, because I fully realize the importance of supplying the director of the census at an early date as possible with the force necessary to the carrying on of his work. But it is of high consequence to the country that the statistical work of the census shall be conducted with entire accuracy. This is as important from the standpoint of business and industry as from the scientific standpoint. It is therefore, in my judgment, essential that the result should not be open to the suspicion of bias on political and personal grounds, that it should not be open to the reasonable suspicion of being a waste of the people's money and a fraud.

Section 7 of the act provides in effect that appointments to the census shall be under the spoils system, for that is the real meaning of the provision that they shall be subject only to noncompetitive examination. The proviso is added that they shall be selected without regard to political party affiliations. But there is only one way to guarantee that they shall be selected without regard to politics and on merit, and that is by choosing them after competitive examination from the lists of eligibles provided by the civil service commission.

Objects to Spoils Idea.

To provide that the clerks and other employees shall be appointed after noncompetitive examination and yet to provide that they shall be selected without regard to political party affiliations means merely that the appointments shall be treated as the spoils of the victor. It is the policy of the government that no one shall be appointed to a position of trust or confidence in the government who is not a member of one party. I do not believe in the doctrine that the victor be long the spoils, but I think even less of the doctrine that the spoils shall be divided without a fight by the professional politicians on both sides, and this would be the result of permitting the bill in its present shape to become a law. Both of the last censuses, the eleventh and the twelfth, were taken under a provision of law excluding competition—that is, necessitating the appointments being made under the spoils system. Every man competent to speak with authority because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the work of those censuses has stated that the result was to produce extravagance and demoralization.

[The president here quotes in support of his contentions Robert P. Porter who took the census of 1890; Frederick H. Wines, the assistant director of the census of 1900, and Carroll D. Wright, director of the census bureau after the census of 1890. The last named says that \$2,000,000 and more than a year's time would have been saved if the census force had been brought into the classified service.]

"Fraud Upon the Public."

The noncompetitive examination is a case like this is not only vicious, but it is in effect a fraud upon the public. No essential change is effected by providing that it be conducted by the civil service commission, and to provide that the employees shall be selected without regard to political party affiliations is empty and misleading unless at the same time it is made effective in the only way in which it is possible to make it effective—that is by providing that the examination shall be made competitive.

I also recommend that if provision is made that the census printing work may be done outside the government printing office it shall be explicitly provided that the government authorities shall see that the eight hour law is applied in effective fashion to these outside offices.

Outside of these matters I believe that the bill is, on the whole, satisfactory and represents an improvement upon previous legislation on the subject. But it is of vital consequence that we should not once again permit the usefulness of this great decennial undertaking on behalf of the whole people to be marred by permitting it to be turned into an engine to further the self interest of that small section of the people which makes a profession of politics.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The White House, Feb. 5, 1909.

Root and the Primary.

But because Secretary Root is opposed to the direct election of United States senators it by no means follows that he is opposed to a legislature receiving instructions from the people regarding senatorial elections.—Springfield Union.

Windsor Locks.—The board of education upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools Daniel Howard has engaged William Shushall for principal for the rest of the school year and he will assume charge Monday.

## JUSTICE EXACT IN WESTERLY

dge Williams Not Lenient when Law is Violated—Two Cases Continued—G. A. R. Appointments for Flag Day—Medical Society Elects Dr. J. L. May President—Burns Anniversary Celebration—Narrow Fabric Loom Company Looking for Site.

Besides Mrs. George N. Burdick, state vice regent, and Miss Pamie D. Holmes, state treasurer, the western will be represented at the thirteenth annual conference of the Rhode Island Daughters of American Revolution, in Providence, next Thursday, by a delegation from Phoebe Greene Ward chapter. Among those who will be present is Mrs. Joshua Wilbur, honorary vice president general of the national body. Miss Holmes of Westerly is a member of the printing committee having in charge the arrangements for Thursday's session.

The conference will begin at 10:45 a. m., when Mrs. Charles Warren Lipsett, state regent, will call the meeting to order. After prayer by Rev. Augustus M. Lord, D.D., the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the minutes of the last annual conference will be read. Reports by the state regent, state secretary, state treasurer and state historian will follow. The committee on books, flags, magazines, Children of the Republic and the nomination of state officers and state directors of the Children of the American Revolution will next make their reports.

The president has been made by the chapters composing the conference the unfinished and new business, including the election of officers for the ensuing year, will be transacted, and a delegate to the General Greene Memorial association will be selected. The conference will conclude with the singing of America.

At the annual session of the Rhode Island Oyster Growers' association, it was decided to ask the present general assembly for legislation forbidding the pollution of Narragansett bay by the refuse of oyster shells. Officers were elected as follows:

President, L. Howard of Providence; president, H. E. Farnsey of Providence, vice president; John S. Payne of Westerly, secretary and treasurer; Frank W. Smith of Warren, Frederick S. Beardsley of Bridgeport, John W. Dodge of Westerly, George T. Greene of Warren and George M. Long of New London, executive board.

The regular session of the Third district court, Judge Oliver H. Williams, was held in Westerly, Friday. The case against Oliver E. Gavitt, proprietor of the Martin pharmacy, charged with the sale of opium, was called. In violation of law, was called. Attorney Ledwith, counsel for respondent, made motion for a bill of particulars, requiring the state to furnish every detail of its plan of prosecution, and to which Town Solicitor Kingsley objected. Judge Williams declared that a motion was improper, but that he would grant the motion, leaving it with the town solicitor as to the content of the bill of particulars, and to hold the state representative responsible for the summing of the bill. The case was then filed with the court and a copy given to counsel for defendant on or before next Wednesday.

Then came the assault case of John Purrio against John Corroni. Attorney Dixon, counsel for Corroni, said he came into the case two days ago, and that he was unable to both parties that the case be settled by order of the court. He presented an agreement signed by Purrio that the case had been settled to his satisfaction and that he did not desire to have the case prosecuted. Attorney Dixon moved that the case be dismissed and Town Solicitor Kingsley acquiesced, provided the costs were paid.

Judge Williams said he did not believe in making a district court a clearing house for crime. The assault was of sufficient importance to require a full trial, and the state representative, and therefore the settling together of the parties and settling the difficulty for a consideration was not satisfactory to the court in a criminal case, and was calculated to defeat justice. It was using the engine of the law wrongfully, and therefore the court would refuse to grant the motion of the counsel for the state and for the accused.

The case was continued for two weeks, as were all other cases on the docket.

Next Friday, Lincoln's birthday, is designated as Grand Army flag day in Rhode Island, and patriotic exercises are held in the schools, with representatives of the Grand Army present. At the regular meeting of Building post, Westerly, G. A. R., the postmaster, by request, appointed Dr. J. Howard Morgan to represent Building post at the exercises in the Westerly high school, in which the pupils of the high school will unite. The commander detailed members to the other schools as follows: Axel W. Tuft, Elm street school; Rev. Frederick J. Plessner, Pleasant street; Benjamin P. Conay, White Rock; John B. Brown, Nanticoke; Charles J. Edgar, Quarry Hill; Erasmus W. Barber, Avondale; Stephen A. Congdon, Dunn's Corner.

The Westerly Medical society in annual meeting elected these officers: Dr. John L. May, president; Dr. Harold Kenyon, vice president; Dr. William A. Hillard, secretary; Dr. C. Grant Savage, treasurer; Dr. Edward R. Lewis, Dr. J. Howard Morgan and Dr. Samuel C. Webster, censors. Following the business session there was a banquet at the Dixon house, enjoyed by the members of the society.

Pupils of the Westerly schools were among the prize winners of the December contest in The School Arts Guild, the awards in which have just been announced. The first prize went to Joy Brandt, Hill City, Kansas. Among the second prize winners, five in number, were two from Westerly: Ellen Fowler, seventh grade, Pleasant street school; William Geary, sixth grade, Quarry Hill school. Of the ten third prize winners, three were from Westerly: Mrs. Bernice Costanza, fifth, Pleasant street school; Quarry Hill school; Louis Smith, fifth, Quarry Hill school; Ernest Champin, fifth, Pleasant street school. These Westerly pupils were given honorable mention, six out of a list of thirty-four: Aughton Blackler, C. E. Carl, Ruth Harris, Diana Stanton, Clara Strong and Ruth P. Thompson.

There was an adjourned meeting of the citizens of Pawcatuck interested in a five-cent fare between Westerly and Stonington, in the Pawcatuck court house, Friday evening. Chairman John Barker called the meeting to order and Secretary Friend read the resolution prepared by the committee appointed at the meeting held Wednesday evening. The resolution was unanimously adopted. It is addressed to Representatives Marth and Broughton and they are requested to present a bill at the present session of the Connecticut legislature, and to urge its passage, compelling the Great Northern Railway Co. to reduce the fare from ten to five cents between Stonington and Westerly.

This movement at this time originated with Mr. Barker, and the plan

was approved by many residents of Pawcatuck. None of the officials of the town of Stonington, however, attended the meetings or took any part in the proceedings. It is claimed to be a "movement on the part of the people of the town and for the benefit of the whole people."

Clan Leslie celebrated Friday evening in Hibernian hall, the 150th Robert Burns anniversary with an interesting order of exercises, followed with a dance to the music of the ideal orchestra, which also played during the rendition of the programme that preceded. There was a large attendance when Chief Archie Leslie made the opening address. Then came a piano solo with selections of Scottish airs by Miss Emmie Zangrandi. Mrs. Ralph Briggs of Ashaway, the pleasing soprano soloist, sang Annie Laurie, the balance of the programme being as follows:

Highland fling and sword dance by Misses Iva and Della Kepple of Fall River; the new industry, and practical sailors' horripole and Irish jig by the Misses Kepple; tenor solo, The Lass o' Ballochmyle, by Mr. Hill. These exercises closed with singing of Annie Laurie by Miss Zangrandi as accompanist.

The District Nursing association of Westerly is now fully organized with the following officers: Mrs. Charles Perry, president; Mrs. Frank Sherman, vice president; Miss Helen Seagar, secretary; Mrs. George N. Burdick, treasurer. There are also committees from the several churches and at a meeting to be held next week a board of managers will be selected.

At an assemblage of members of Hancock Woman's Relief corps, at the residence of Mrs. William Noyes, in West Broad street, the sewing society was reorganized and these officers elected: Mrs. Evilla R. Payne, president; Mrs. Lillian P. Bromley, secretary; Mrs. William Noyes, treasurer; Mrs. Susan M. Morgan, chairman of the work and entertainment committee. The society will meet fortnightly at the home of some member.

Milton Steere, the inventor of the narrow fabric loom, his son Frederick Steere, and others interested in the Narrow Fabric company, examined the several sites offered for buildings for the new industry, and practical decision has been made to locate in either the town of Westerly or in the town of Stonington. In the Pawcatuck district the sites visited were the Beech street property, offered by Charles Perry, in the Highland park section, by Frank W. Coy, the five mills lot on the west side, and the mill building on the west side. A committee has the matter of location under consideration and will report to a meeting of the stockholders.

Local Laconics.

Edward C. Candall, the efficient clerk of the Third district court, re-elected to the office by the Rhode Island general assembly, Friday afternoon.

Governor Hughes has reappointed Eugene B. Pendleton of Westerly county clerk of the state of Washington, R. I.

COLCHESTER.

Lincoln Memorial Services to Be Held at Baptist Church—Miss Avery Home for Vacation.

At Colchester Baptist church Sunday there will be a service for the pastor, Rev. B. D. Remington. Subject, Hold fast, let no man take thy crown, Rev. 3: 11. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered at close of service.

The evening service at 7 will be a memorial commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln. It will be a union service, the various churches and G. A. R. of Colchester will join. The following order of services will be observed: Invocation by the pastor, Rev. B. D. Remington; singing by congregation, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; reading of the call by the pastor; phonograph selection, Battle Hymn of the Republic; reading of scripture by Deacon L. C. Brown, 1 Cor. 13: 1-13; phonograph selection, The Death of Custer; prayer by Rev. E. C. Ingalls of the Congregational church; reading of Lincoln's own account of his birth and life; reading, When Lincoln and Beecher Prayed, by Miss B. Allen; phonograph selection, The Sinner and the Song; reading, Roosevelt's Tribute to the Memory of Lincoln; phonograph selection, Lincoln's Speech at Gettysburg; reading, Lincoln and Antislavery; phonograph selection, Memories of Mother; address by pastor, B. D. Remington; reading of the Lord's Prayer; Sweet Bye and Bye; closing hymn by congregation.

Borough Interests.

Horace B. Stevens of North Westchester was a caller here Friday. Gilbert Murray and Richard Day of Salem were in town Friday. Miss Matilda Avery, who has been with one of the Carnegie libraries in

New York city for the past few months, is at her home on South Main street for several weeks. Clinton Jones of Hebron was in town Friday.

Miss Anna Avery was in New Haven Wednesday attending a meeting of the librarians of the state held at Yale. Charles H. Strong was in Westchester Friday.

William Raymond of Salem was calling on friends in town Thursday.

Prof. F. T. Bunce is in Williamstown today (Saturday), the guest of the Gorton Minster company, with which company he traveled through the west. Bunce's orchestra met for rehearsal Thursday evening at the home of Miss Josephine Dowley.

Harry Grover is visiting friends in New York.

David B. Murray was in Middletown Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Tanguay of Pine Hill farm, Hebron, were guests of the town of Hebron Thursday.

Sherwood Miller of East Haddam was here Thursday.

Wooster Lodge, F. and A. M., met in Masonic hall Friday evening.

Members of Lobaron was calling on friends in town Thursday.

Frank Tresser is at his home in Stafford Springs for a short visit. Hattie Jackson of Norwich was at her summer residence on Broadway Thursday.

JEWETT CITY.

Borough Meeting Hears Reports and Votes Annual Appropriations—Pulpit Themes—Social and Personal Items.

An adjourned meeting of the freemen of the borough was held Thursday evening. It was voted to accept the annual reports as printed.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer's report showed a total received with that in the treasury of \$12,127.37, while the expenditures were \$18,800.67. The report of the treasurer, \$490.25; sewers, \$20.49; garbage, \$195; snow, \$20.08; macadam road, \$118.57; fire department, \$190.00; electric light plant, \$5,483.39; interest, \$2,843.26; water, \$40.50; miscellaneous, \$482.26; clerk and treasurer, \$148.81; notes and bonds, \$2,500; a balance is left in the treasury of \$327.30. The actual running expenses of the borough have been \$13,322.91.

The bill of the American Diesel Engine Co. for \$287.75, for water used when the engines were installed, was laid on the table. The board of wardens and burgesses were empowered to purchase 250 feet of hose for the fire department. The matter of a fire alarm system was laid on the table.

The following appropriations were made: \$4,500 for electric light plant, \$700 for police, \$250 for the fire department, \$2,700 for interest, \$1,500 for Jewett City Water Co. for hydrants, \$75 for printing, \$40.50 for election expenses, \$400 for miscellaneous accounts, \$165 for clerk and treasurer's expenses, \$1,000 for care of streets, \$750 to create a sinking fund, \$4 a tax of five mills was voted on the next perfected grand list of the borough, said tax to be payable March 1, 1909.

After this meeting was adjourned there was a meeting of the board of wardens and burgesses. D. P. Auldred took the oath of office as a burgess. The board of J. C. Deane, J. H. Jennings, M. D. 141.15, Victor L. Henshaw, \$150, Timothy Shea \$3.25, Thomas Murray \$2.25, Shea Brothers \$4, A. C. Burdick (agent) \$14 and \$28, C. E. Delaney \$2, P. B. Driscoll \$23.14, J. H. Tracy \$21.50, J. C. E. L. plant \$14.21, \$5.85, \$191.50, Payne & Gardner \$27.00, and \$25.00, after which the meeting adjourned.

Sunday Services.

Sunday morning at the Congregational church Rev. W. H. Gane's subject will be Three Men and a Kingdom. In the evening Christian Endeavor day will be observed, using the programme sent out by the United Society. It is both literary and musical.

Rev. C. K. Flanders will preach both morning and evening at the Baptist church, and will address a men's meeting at Rouse hall at 3.30 Sunday afternoon.

Birthday Party.

Richmond Gardner celebrated his 8th birthday on Friday by inviting seven boys to spend the time from 4 to 8 o'clock at his home. These enjoyed games and refreshments and admired the gifts which the young host had received.

Briefs and Personal.

Mrs. P. I. Angell of Providence has been a guest at her brother's, Rev. E. W. Potter's.

Mrs. P. H. Gilbert and her niece, Miss Gladys Jeffers, go to Ware, Mass.

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today (Saturday) to visit Mrs. R. L. Smith.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church held a food sale in the Town hall Friday afternoon.

The Kountree Club held a dance in Rouse hall Friday evening.

The friends of Mrs. Ida Edwards still will be sorry to learn of the death of her husband on Sterling Hill, Mrs. Still formerly lived here, and is left with a small child.

## BRIEF STATE NEWS

Waterbury.—This city is after a state normal school.

Southington.—Friday night at the Plantville Congregational church a baby show was held.

New Haven.—Ex-Gov. Rollin S. Woodruff and Minnie E. Chaffin sailed Friday for Bermuda.

Middletown.—The mid-year examination period at Wesleyan begins today (Saturday), Feb. 6, and will continue until Saturday, Feb. 20.

Stamford.—Stamford's contributions to the Italian earthquake fund, through the Red Cross, of which Schuyler Merritt acted as treasurer, amounted to \$2,206.50.

Hartford.—Assessor P. Davis Oakley was one of the speakers Friday night at the annual dinner of the New England Hotel Men's association, held at the Worthy, Springfield.

Milford.—The people in the center of the town are enjoying the delivery of their mail twice a day, the first delivery about the middle of the forenoon, and again early in the afternoon.

Manchester.—Tax Collector R. W. Pitkin has been at the town clerk's office looking up the land records in preparation to placing liens on the property on which the tax is still unpaid.

Norwalk.—General Russell Frost was in New York Thursday attending at the chamber of commerce, where a reception in honor of the new German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, was held.

Bristol.—Chief of Police Belton has been busy during the past few days inspecting the sidewalks of the borough as to the condition since the last storm. Delinquent have been notified that their walks must be cleaned.

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Black Mercerized Skirt Braid, 5-yard pieces, 10c value—Today 5c piece.

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Women's Leather Belts in a variety of styles and colors, 60c Belts—Today 25c each.

### Domestic Department

Extra Large Hemmed Towel, value 12 1/2c—Today 9c.

All Linen Huck Towels, scalloped ends, extra size, value 55c—Today 25c each.

Fringed Crochet Quilts, either straight or cut out, regular value \$1.75—Today \$1.25.

### Dress Goods

Black Mohairs, 46 inches wide, best English make, high lustre and reversible—50c quality, today 39c—75c quality, today 59c.

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38-inch Taffeta Silk, black only, excellent value at \$1.25—Special, today 97c.

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